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## House of Representatives

The House met at 7 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. BARRAGÁN).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
April 13, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable NANETTE DIAZ BARRAGÁN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Holy God, be with us this evening as we reconvene from having honored our fallen brother to resume the business of the day. In this profound instance, we are struck by the mystery that is life—that within a few short moments, we can move from observing how precious and precarious one individual's life is, only to return to the routine but necessary running of an entire country.

In times like these, we come to truly value the people with whom we serve and the paths we trod together. We pray with the Psalmist that You would teach us to number our days—to make each one count.

Grant us a heart of wisdom, that when we are met with perilous danger, we would know Your strength. And when we are faced with the tedious duties of a day, at times overwhelmed by the futility of our efforts, may we remain unwavering in our commitment.

We pray Your kindness to fall upon us, O Lord, that the work of our hands would have effect and that our well-intended actions serve Your ultimate

purpose. May we in all that we encounter this day and all days, have the faith to proclaim, “the grass withers and the flowers fade, but the Word of our God endures forever.”

We pray in the strength of Your sovereign name.  
Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from California (Ms. BASS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. BASS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR OF COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the chair of the Committee on Ethics:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON ETHICS,  
April 12, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: On February 23, 2021, the Committee on Ethics (Committee) received appeals from Representative Andrew Clyde of two fines imposed pursuant to House Resolution 73. The appeals were received before the Committee adopted its written rules. The Committee informed Representative Clyde on March 9, 2021, that it had adopted its rules.

A majority of the Committee did not agree to the appeals.

Sincerely,

THEODORE E. DEUTCH,  
Chairman.  
JACKIE WALORSKI,  
Ranking Member.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, April 13, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
The Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on April 13, 2021, at 11:47 a.m.:

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 27.

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 28.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,  
Clerk.

### PREVENTING PAYGO SEQUESTRATION

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1868) to prevent across-the-board direct spending cuts, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the Senate amendment is as follows:

Senate amendment:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF MEDICARE SEQUESTRATION.**

(a) EXTENSION.—

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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